# The Memorial Tournament Presented By Workday

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#### **Brandt Snedeker**

**Quick Quotes** 

### Q. Talk us through being back and looking like you're going to make the weekend.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah, obviously I played really well first two days, excited. I kind of had some inklings I was playing well the last couple weeks at home. You never know, especially coming to a golf course like this, you can get found out real quick.

I thought I held up really well. I thought I fought really hard around the golf course. I didn't have the finish I wanted to today. I hit a lot of great putts that didn't go in, hit a lot of greens, a lot of fairways today. So if I keep doing that over the weekend, I know the putts will eventually fall. I'm rolling them really good. I'm really excited about what the weekend will hold.

#### Q. Did it take a little bit to get comfortable to coming back this week?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: It was kind of weird, jitters on the first nine. You're always going to have those. Kind of made a silly mistake yesterday on 14 just from not playing enough tournament golf. It's going to happen your first week back out.

I was way more locked in today. I thought I did a way better job of placing my ball on the golf course and hopefully now for after two rounds I kind of feel like, okay, mental mistakes are done let's get back into playing and try and finish as high as I possibly can.

### Q. Can you maybe even remember the last time you felt that kind of jittery going to a tee box or anything?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: It's been awhile. I always feel that way the first tournament of the year after having like December off. I always feel that way in Hawaii. But definitely more so this week, especially with what this golf course can do to you if you're not playing well. So I'm shocked at how good my body feels, shocked at how I feel, how excited I am for the weekend. To be honest with you,



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I thought it was going to be kind of a grind the first couple weeks.

But so far so good. So fingers crossed. Hopefully this is kind of the new bar for me of how I should feel after playing golf and if it is, I'm excited about the next six, seven years out here.

#### Q. Just real quick, you talked about learning to trust your body and the procedure earlier in the week. What is a couple of days like this go to help you do that?

BRANDT SNEDEKER: Yeah, first time I had a really bad lie here on Tuesday I was like, Oh, gosh, is this going to jar something loose, is this going to cause some pain? And as the process has gone on -- it used to be hitting a bunker shot hurt, hitting thick rough would hurt. So I start flinching and not doing it. So to not have that happen the first two days has been eye opening to me. And then being able to practice at home and practice this week and do the things I need to do to be ready. I'm a lot more confident over the golf ball. The golf ball's going where I'm looking and I'm not worried about that flinch coming. So hopefully this is kind of the new, kind of the way back to where before I had pain, played pain-free and pretty much up to 2016.

## Q. Stepping away from the surgery, this place is playing about as hard as I've ever seen it play. Just your thoughts on the course today.

BRANDT SNEDEKER: I thought I played really well today, I hit a lot of great shots. I could have shot 3-, 4-under par which I thought would have been fantastic. I saw Hideki played fantastic. This golf course is brutal right now. It's going to get firmer. The wind's, I don't know how they do it here, but the wind swirls everywhere on this golf course for some reason. So when you have firm greens and firm fairways and winds swirling and your margin for error is that thin, it's going to make for some interesting shots and some interesting holes. So, rough's up, obviously. So it will be a tough weekend. I don't, I do not see double digits winning. I think if you gave me 6-under par right now, I would sit around and watch a lot of TV on Saturday and Sunday.

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